Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ANTANA 00849 060713Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 L-03 NSC-05 SS-15 AID-05 CIAE-00
INR-07 NSAE-00 CPR-01 SP-02 IO-13 ISO-00 /074 W
----------070225Z 039616 /14
R 051403Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY ANTANANARIVO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9191
AMEMBASSY LONDON
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L ANTANANARIVO 0849

E.O. 11652:GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PGOV, CN, US
SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF GCI (GOVERNMENT OF COMORO ISLANDS)

REF: (A) STATE 082349, (B) ANTANANARIVO 0744

1. ROVING COMORIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE OCCIDENT YVES LE BRET CAME TO ANTANANARIVO ON MAY 4 AND CALLED ON ME TO PURSUE SUBJECT OF RECOGNITION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HE ASKED THAT WE OMIT REFERENCE TO VOLCANO ERUPTION IN PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL LETTER (REF A) AS HE AND HIS CHIEF OF STATE ALI SOILIH PREFERRED THAT RECOGNITION NOT APPEAR TO BE LINKED TO OCCURENCE OF THIS NATURAL PHENOMENON. I HAVE THEREFORE DRAFTED SOME SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE FOR FIRST SENTENCE, SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE LETTER WHICH HAS LE BRET'S CONCURRENCE. LE BRET ALSO SUBMITTED TO ME A PROPOSED LETTER FROM ALI SOILIH TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH WOULD BE GIVEN TO ME IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR LETTER. HE ALSO PROPOSED SOME LANGUAGE FOR A JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED WHEN THE LETTERS ARE EXCHANGED. TEXTS OF THESE THREE DOCUMENTS FOLLOW.

2. LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO COMORIAN CHIEF OF STATE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JOIN ME IN SENDING BEST WISHES TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ANTANA 00849 060713Z

REPUBLIC OF THE COMORO ISLANDS. I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES EXTENDS RECOGNITION TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE COMORO ISLANDS. IT IS OUR HOPE, WITH YOUR AGREEMENT, THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL SOON BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST THE PROCESS OF

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

REORGANIZATION RECENTLY UNDERGONE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMORO ISLANDS TO ADAPT THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE NEEDS AND RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY AND TO PAVE THE WAY FOR MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EFFECTIVE ATTENTION TO THE WELL BEING OF ITS PEOPLE. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR TWO NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE, FREEDOM, AND THE WELFARE OF MANKIND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE U. N. CHARTER.
END TEXT.

3. LETTER FROM COMORIAN CHIEF OF STATE TO PRESIDENT CARTER:
MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, LE PEUPLE DES COMORES SE JOINT A MOI POUR ADRESSER SES VOEUX AU PEUPLE DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE ET A VOUS MEME QUI PRESIDEZ A SES DESTINEES.

ANIME DU DESIR DE VOIR SE NOUER ET SE DEVELOPPER DES RELATIONS D'AMITIE ET DE COOPERATION ENTRE NOS DEUX PAYS BASEES SUR LE RESPECT DES PRINCIPES DE LA CHARTE DES NATIONS UNIES ET DE LA DECLARATION UNIVERSELLE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME, NOUS SOUHAITONS QUE DES RELATIONS DIPLOMATIQUES PUISSENT S'ETABLIR ENTRE NOW DEUX GOUVERNEMENTS DANS UN PROCHE AVENIR.

IL NOUS SERA AINSI POSSIBLE D'OEUVRER ENSEMBLE POUR LA DEFENSE DE LA PAIX,DE LA LIBERTE, DE L'INDEPENDANCE NATIONALE ET CONTRIBUER AU BIEN ENTRE DE NOS PEUPLES EN LUTTE CONTRE LE RACISME ET LA DOMINATION. END TEXT.

4. JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 ANTANA 00849 060713Z

WASHINGTON AND MORONI UPON EXCHANGE OF LETTERS: LE GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE ET LE GOUVERNMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DES COMORES, GUIDES PAR LE DESIR DE LEURS PEUPLES RESPECTIFS DE NOUER ET DEVELOPPER DES RELATIONS D'AMITIE ET DE COOPERATION BASEES SUR LES PRINCIPES DE LA CHARTE DES NATIONS UNIES ET DE LA DECLARATION UNIVERSELLE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME ONT CONVENU D'ETABLIR DES RELATIONS DIPLOMATIQUES AU NIVEAU DES AMBASSADEURS A PARTIR DU..... END TEXT.

5. LE BRET EXPLAINED THAT COMMUNIQUE NOT INTENDED TO COMMIT USG IN ANY WAY WITH REGARD TO LEVEL OR PLACE OF REPRESENTATION. I WOULD BE WELCOME AS CHARGE AS LONG AS THERE WAS NO AMBASSADOR IN ANTANANARIVO AND IT WAS UNDER-STOOD THAT NO US MISSION WAS EXPECTED TO BE ESTABLISHED IN MORONI.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: IF LANGUAGE OF ABOVE TEXTS IS SATISFACTORY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT SIGNED ORIGINAL OF

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

PRESIDENT'S LETTER BE PREPARED AND FORWARDED TO ME AND
THAT DEPARTMENT SUGGEST A DATE FOR BEGINNING OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS. I ASSUME LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
MINISTER DESIGNATING ME AS CHARGE ACCREDITED TO GCI WILL
BE SUFFICIENT ACCREDITATION. I SUGGEST THAT JULY 1 OR
JULY 4 WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE DATE FOR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
AND/OR BEGINNING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND OF MY
ACCREDITATION TO GCI.

7. FOR LONDON: HMG AMBASSADOR LEONARD BROWN HAS
REQUESTED THAT OUR PROPOSED TEXTS BE COMMUNICATED TO FCO
FOR ITS INFORMATION. SUBJECT DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE,
REQUEST AMEMBASSY LONDON PASS THIS MESSAGE ACCORDINGLY.
BARRETT

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: RECOGNITION, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHMENT, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 05-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977ANTANA00849
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770160-0592
Format: TEL
From: ANTANANARIVO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770592/aaaadbfg.tel
Line Count: 130
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 83378c9a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 82349, 77 ANTANANARIVO 744
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2636417
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RECOGNITION OF GCI (GOVERNMENT OF COMORO ISLANDS)
TAGS: PDIP, PGOV, CN, US, (SOILIH, ALI), (LE BRET, YVES)
To: STATE LONDON
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/83378c9a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009